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#### **MEMORADUM**

**ACTION MEMO # 13-05** 

TO:

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**District Nutrition Services Directors** 

**District Systems Directors** 

FROM:

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Director

Georgia WIC Program

DATE:

February 20, 2013

RE:

Food Package Database Update and Removal of 999 Voucher Codes

#### Food Package Database Updates

All WIC systems were scheduled to update the food package database on February 11, 2013. The following is a list of the changes:

- "LIPIL" was removed from product names for Nutramigen, Pregestimil, Enfamil Premature 20 and Enfamil Premature 24 on voucher messages and in food package descriptions.
- 2. CPA Food Package S07 was added for Gerber Good Start Nourish. This package is used for infants 6-12 months unable to eat baby foods.
- 3. The phone number for Emory Genetics was updated on voucher codes 099 and 399.
- 4. Pur Amino was added with an "OR" statement to Nutramigen AA vouchers. The new name was effective January 2013. Medical documentation dated after February 11, 2013, must have the new name Pur Amino listed.
- 5. Gerber Graduates Gentle and Gerber Graduates Soy was added with an "OR" statement to Gerber Good Start 2 Gentle and Gerber Good Start 2 Soy vouchers, respectively. Formula with the new name will begin to be shipped in March 2013.
- 6. Removed single guart option from low lactose milk vouchers.



- 7. Vouchers were added for Carnation Breakfast Essentials. All district vouchers for Carnation Breakfast Essentials should no longer be issued in 999 food packages after March 1, 2013. Ensure that all district food packages for Carnation Breakfast Essentials are updated with the new voucher codes. The new vouchers are as follows:
  - A70 1-44 oz (4-pack) ready to feed Carnation Breakfast Essentials
  - A71 5-44 oz (4-packs) ready to feed Carnation Breakfast Essentials
  - A72 6-44 oz (4-packs) ready to feed Carnation Breakfast Essentials
  - A73 7-44 oz (4-packs) ready to feed Carnation Breakfast Essentials
  - A74 1-12.6 oz box (10 packets) powder Carnation Breakfast Essentials
  - A75 3-12.6 oz box (10 packets) powder Carnation Breakfast Essentials

## Removal of 999 Voucher Codes

Effective March 1, 2013, districts should no longer create or use district created (999) vouchers. Remove any vouchers with numbers between 900 and 999 from your systems so that staff will not accidently use them. Remove all 999 food packages from your system that previously used 999 voucher codes. Any formulas that the district needs for which state voucher codes are not available, **must be ordered through the state** special formula ordering system. This includes formulas such as Tolerex and KetoCal.

### 999 Food Packages

Districts are asked to review all of their 999 food packages for compliance with federal regulations. All participants are to receive Full Nutritional Benefits unless medically contraindicated. But at the same time, the amounts issued cannot exceed the maximum amount allowed. The most common error is over/under issuance of dairy equivalents. Remember voucher code A27 for 1 quart of low lactose milk is no longer valid.

### Store Brand Formula

Store brand formulas are no longer approved. All participants on a store brand formula must be switched to a contract formula or present with medical documentation for an alternative WIC approved formula at their next voucher pick-up.

#### **New State Ordered Formula**

The Nutrition Unit has recently approved Compleat Pediatric Reduced Calorie. It will be a state ordered formula. This formula is intended to meet the unique hypocaloric feeding requirements of the developmentally delayed, tube-dependent, population. This mostly includes the cerebral palsy, spinal muscular atrophy, and other neurodevelopmentally delayed populations with severely reduced caloric requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact Julianne Gaston at (404) 657-2884.

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